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Editors' Table.

TRUSTEES MEET—MANY IMPORTANT ACTIONS TAKEN—NEW CHAIR ESTABLISHED.

THE college trustees held an important meeting on Tuesday, April 3, and effected many things which are of the greatest concern to alumni, students and friends of the college. The members of the corporation present were President Brainerd, Hon. John W. Stewart, Rufus Wainwright, Esq., Hon. L. D. Eldredge, Judge James M. Slade and C. M. Wilds, Esq., of Middlebury, Dr. John A. Mead of Rutland, Rev. Dr. W. S. Smart of Brandon and Mr. E. H. Phelps of Fair Haven.

The chief object of the meeting was to re-adjust the economy of the institution in accordance with the increase in its income resulting from the Charles J. Starr legacy, of $150,000, and other recent additions to its funds.

A chair of modern languages was established. These languages have been taught in recent years by the professors of Greek and Latin. This is a step which the students for several years have wished the corporation might be able to take, and one which seemed necessary accordant with the high grade of scholarship required and the progress of the college.

The chapel building, containing the recitation rooms, laboratories, etc., is to be heated throughout by steam or hot water, and a capacious room in the building is to be fitted as a study for the young women students, and is to be provided with all modern improvements.

Although the beautiful natural scenery of our campus is conceded, $500 is to be expended in beautifying the college park. The improvements on the park will be made under the direction of a landscape gardener. It is already in good shape, and the appropriation named will, it is believed, accomplish all the betterment that it is advisable to undertake at present.

President Brainerd's salary was raised to $2500 and he was granted six months' leave of absence from the close of the current college year for foreign travel, his expenses to be paid by the college.

President Brainerd justly deserves the vacation which has been granted him. He has served the institution faithfully as tutor, professor, acting president and president since his graduation in 1864, and his work has been continuous during all these years with the exception of the two years from 1866 to 1868, when he studied theology at Andover.

The salaries of five professorships—in political science, English literature, chemistry, Latin and Greek—were raised to $1700. This is surely a merited action and gratifying to the student body, who believe our professors deserve the increase. And especially gratifying was the earned action of the trustees to our worthy president.

A careful examination of the investments and methods of investment of the funds of the institution re-

sulted in a warm approval by the trustees of its efficient and faithful treasurer, Mr. Eldredge. It also showed that notwithstanding the business depression of the past year, the college had lost nothing except what may be anticipated from a small shrinkage in about $3500 of the Equitable Mortgage company debentures.

A new member was elected to the board of trustees, Hon. E. B. Sherman of Chicago, of the class of 1860. Mr. Sherman is too well known, not merely in our little State, but in the United States, to justify our speaking of the judiciousness of the selection.

Although Middlebury College during the past century has become widely recognized and attained to an enviable rank, justly esteemed because of her worth, though her graduates have risen to an honorable station in professional, legal and political life, from the school room to the executive department of our nation, gracing successively the different positions to which they have been called, till her influence is felt in every nation; distinguished not for her size or wealth, but for her ability to turn out *men;* and though it has been especially proven by the success of her alumni that the world *wants men;* yet we say, with proper regard for our illustrious past, we believe in accordance with the advancement of the closing nineteenth century and the propitious prospects of our own college life, the future must be broader and more extended by the increasing number of students, without lowering the present high standard to which our college has attained. And in the future years she may send out just as learned clergymen, efficient statesmen and able lawyers in larger numbers.

The action of the trustees deserves our highest praise. Could they have walked up the campus the day following their meeting, when the acts had become known to the students, and seen the appreciative smile of approval expressed by the student-body, they would have realized more fully our feeling toward them. Our board of trustees is composed of men of ability, affairs and foresight. Many of them have served on the board for years. They have acted when the funds of the college were low, requiring the most judicious accomplishments on their part before forgetful students and critical alumni. They have proved themselves equal to emergencies, and will faithfully look after the college in its now more prosperous condition. These actions recently taken are, doubtless, effected through anticipation by them, as no large income can result from so recently bequeathed money, but in the future we may be assured our trustees will do, as in the past, the right thing in the right place for Middlebury College.

TO-DAY the recently elected board of editors present the first result of their labors. The board, as will be observed, is composed of four new members and three who served last year.

The UNDERGRADUATE is before you. The fierce light of criticism is turned upon our production. Though we are open to criticism, we protest against a snap decision. Weigh the evidence and give your verdict at the end of the year. We believe our first duty to be to Middlebury College—to offer to the college world a true representative paper. We appeal to the students and alumni to aid us in issuing, not an average, but a publication worthy of our college. We shall strive to improve from past experience, and enter upon the year with bright hopes and a determination to put forth every effort on our part to reach the desired goal.

IT is believed, by assigning to each member of the editorial board his special work, that it will facilitate and improve each department. The attention of the members of the board is called to the provision of the constitution to the effect that each member shall perform the assigned work, and failure to do this, or to contribute to three issues will be cause for removal.

WITH the present students filled with enthusiasm for "Old Midd." and awakened to the fact that our college has good athletic ability already in the field and developing, promising a strong foot-ball team in the fall; with an unusually large entering class already registered for next year, are we not justified in saying the Fates are favorably disposed toward us? Such it appears to us, and we as students should not fail to act a creditable and enthusiastic part for our college.

Literary.

JOHN GODFREY SAXE, CLASS OF 1839, CONSIDERED AS A POET.

[Abridged from the Tuftonian.]

The author whom we have chosen may be introduced with a brief outline of his life story. John Godfrey Saxe was a native of the Green Mountain

State, and his birth occurred at Highgate in the year 1816. His early life was after the usual manner. After going through the local district schools and attending the Grammar school at St. Albans, he entered Wesleyan University in 1835. But in his Freshman year he decided to change his Alma Mater, and went to Middlebury College, Vt., where he was graduated in 1839. He then studied law for four years, and in 1843 was admitted to the bar, receiving the same year his degree of A. M. from Middlebury. He practiced his profession with success in Franklin county, Vermont. In 1847–48 he was State Superintendent of Common Schools, and in 1850 State's Attorney for Chittenden county. His fondness for literature gradually led him into journalism; and in 1850 he purchased the Burlington *Sentinel*, which he edited until 1856. In this latter year he was Attorney-General of Vermont, and for a time Deputy Collector of Customs. In 1859 and 1860 he was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor. Then, settling in New York, he devoted himself to literature, and until 1874 was a most successful and popular lecturer before large audiences in all parts of the country. He next moved to Albany, and became an editor of the *Evening Journal*. Previous to this he had been recognized with the degree of LL. D. by his Alma Mater.

Saxe is essentially a humorist, and, above all, a wholesome one. His poems cannot fail of a healthful effect. We cannot read them and remain in a gloomy mood. His charm lies not only in the familiarity of his topics and his delightful treatment of them, but most of all in his power of diffusing and disseminating his wonderful spirit of good humor among his readers. We must laugh and be joyous with him. But it must not be understood that Mr. Saxe's work is entirely in the humorous vein. Like the best humorists, he shows that the founts of tears and laughter lie close together. His power of pathos is almost as marked as that of his fun, and several of his poems in a minor key would alone serve to keep his name alive for generations to come.

Now for a consideration of Mr. Saxe's work somewhat in detail. He often appeared before the public as the poet of college and other anniversaries, "well armed with the light artillery of jest and epigram." His two longest poems, "Progress" and "The Money King," were first delivered in this way,—the former before the literary societies of Brown University in 1846, and the latter before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Yale in 1854. These are satires in Popean verse; and, although the author has the disadvantage of using a kind of verse in which attempts have been many and successes few, they are unambitious in plan and execution, and will compare favorably with most similar compositions. The versification is smooth and easy, the humor genial, and the satire good natured. If they unfold only simple and obvious truths, they enforce those truths by well-chosen illustrations; and their tone is always healthful. They stood well the test of afterward being repeatedly delivered before lyceums in different parts of the country; and a poet is sure to learn by such a method of publication what he may not learn by an appearance in print,—the real judgment of the miscellaneous public on his performance. A quotation of the introduction to "Progress" will serve to show the general style, the rhythmic and rhyming flow of the verse, and sparkle of the wit:

"In this our happy and 'progressive" age,
When all alike ambitious cares engage;
When beardless boys to sudden sages grow,
And "Miss" her nurse abandons for a beau;
When for their dogmas non-resistants fight,
When dunces lecture, and when dandies write;
When matrons, seized with oratoric pangs,
Give happy birth to masculine harangues,
And spinsters, trembling for the nation's fate,
Neglect their stockings to preserve the State;
When critic wits their brazen lustre shed
On golden authors whom they never read,
With parrot praise of 'Roman grandeur' speak,
And in bad English eulogize the Greek;
When facts like these no reprehension bring,
May not, uncensured, an attorney sing?
In sooth he may; and, though 'unborn' to climb
Parnassus' heights, and 'build the lofty rhyme,'
Though Flaccus fret and warningly advise
That 'middling verses gods and men despise,'
Yet will he sing to Yankee license true,
In spite of Horace and 'Minerva,' too!"

He then goes on to satirize in his free and jovial manner the "progress" of the time in a variety of fields from science to society. "The Money King" satirizes with the same vivacity the part which money plays in the world's affairs. Both poems are replete with pithy sayings, and show that the author possessed an unusual supply of good sense, shrewdness and sagacity.

The travesties upon classic tales prove our author to be a very clever hand at this class of writing. He treats them in a rollicking spirit, shows well his faculty for *making* a ridiculous side to almost anything and an utter disregard for the supposed dignity of the an-

cients. For an example we will choose "Pyramus and Thisbe" for quotations:

"This tragical tale, which, they say, is a true one,
Is old, but the manner is wholly a new one.
One *Ovid*, a writer of some reputation,
Has told it before in a tedious narration;
In a style, to be sure, of remarkable fulness,
But which nobody reads on account of its dullness."

Then comes the narration of the well known tale in Saxe's audacious and inimitable style, closing with this moral:

"Young gentlemen! pray recollect, if you please,
Not to make assignations near mulberry-trees;
Should your mistress be missing, it shows a weak head
To be stabbing yourself till you know she is dead.

"Young ladies! you shouldn't go strolling about
When your anxious mammas don't know you are out,
And remember that accidents often befall
From kissing young fellows through holes in the wall."

As we might expect, Mr. Saxe showed a fondness and aptness for epigrams, and several magazine articles from his pen treating of epigrams and epigramists indicate that he had made some little study of the subject. Among his best is the following:

"Men, dying, make their wills, but wives
Escape a work so sad:
Why should they make what all their lives
The gentle dames have had?"

It is in his faculty of turning upon us the whimsical and humorous side of a fact or character that Mr. Saxe especially excels. This is well illustrated in "The Superfluous Man." In a learned treatise on population he happened upon a statement that "it is ascertained by inspection of the registers of many countries that the uniform proportion of male to female births is as twenty-one to twenty: accordingly, in respect to marriage, every twenty-first man is naturally superfluous." This was a hint to set his bright vein of humor flowing. "The Superfluous Man" becomes a concrete embodiment, and sings his discovery of the cause of his forlorn single lot and his hopeless predicament. It flashes upon him that he is the twenty-first man alluded to by the profound statistics:

"I am under a natural ban;
The girls are already assigned,—
And I'm a superfluous man!"

The whole conception and execution of this poem afford a fine example of the manner in which a genuine artist may inform an extravagant whim with life-like humor and consistency.

The sentiments of a young lover on finding that the object of his admiration had an excellent appetite and was always punctual at lunch or dinner are expressed with a keen sparkle in the concluding stanza of "The Beauty of Ballston":

"Ah me! of so much loveliness
It had been sweet to be the winner;
I know she loved me only less—
The merest fraction—than her dinner.
'Twas hard to lose so fair a prize,
But then (I thought) 'twere vastly harder
To have before my jealous eyes
A constant rival in my larder!"

"Early Rising" bubbles with fun of the jolliest and most good natured sort under a pretence of satirical grumbling:

"'God bless the man who first invented sleep!'
So Sancho Panza said, and so say I. . . .
But blast the man, with curses loud and deep,
Whate'er the rascal's name, or age, or station,
Who first invented, and went round advising,
That artificial cut-off,—Early Rising. . . .
I like the lad who, when his father thought
To clip his morning nap by hackneyed phrase
Of vagrant worm by early songster caught,
Cried: 'Served him right! It's not at all surprising:
The worm was punished, sir, for early rising.'"

So apt are Mr. Saxe's poems for purposes of quotation and illustration we are only warned by the present length of this paper that we must not go on *ad infinitum* in our exploration of them. We cannot close, however, without a mere mention at least, of some of the poems in a serious vein by which our author has so endeared himself to a large portion of the American reading public. Who does not remember the touching pathos of "Little Jerry, the Miller," from the days of reading-book literature? "The Story of Life," in its development of the various stages of existence, calls to mind Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man," but is far more poetical in its treatment. "I'm Growing Old," "The Old Church Bell," "Treasures in Heaven," and "The Expected Ship," all show us a depth to the man which we are apt to lose sight of in the consideration of his humorous poems alone.

Of all the later poets, it is said that none so nearly approach the inimitable Hood as John G. Saxe; and there is also a singular coincidence in the sadness of the lives of these two remarkable men. The life of Saxe, in its later years, like that of Hood, was strangely at variance with the mirth his poems have excited.

THE SEEING HEART.

It was a beautiful afternoon; the sun shone brightly in the western sky; the blue mountains in the distance were flecked with alternate light and shade from

passing clouds; while the more distant peaks were capped with the late lingering snow. The grass, brown and sere, had begun to take on its summer green, and the clover was springing up with fresh verdure. The happy birds added their charm to the ideal April day, when we passed from the highway into a hilly pasture on our first search for the year's earliest flowers.

Slowly we wandered hither and thither, now pushing away the dry leaves with our sticks, and now stooping to examine the least hint of green, in hopes always to discover some precious token of spring's true return. At last we were rewarded by the apparently dead leaves of an hepatica, and cautiously laying bare its roots, we found the buds started up toward the sun, but still encased by the loose soil. Only the eye of a true flower-lover would have ever suspected that under such an unpromising exterior was hidden the already-started blossom which would, after a few days, have lifted its head triumphantly toward the sky. As is so often the case, nature had hidden her first beginnings from sight, almost as if she feared to be derided if her attempts were made in public sight.

Away from the passers-by on the road, hidden near the roots of a stately tree half buried in dry grass and leaves, there we found our first blossom. None but one who loved the flower for its own worth would ever have discovered the secret which had been hidden so slyly. None but the searching eyes of a friend would have been rewarded so richly.

This same thing is true in regard to the workings of all the out-door world.

> "To him who in the *love* of nature holds
> Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
> A various language."

There is an old superstitition, half fancy, half truth, that flowers thrive only under the care of one who really loves them, and that in the hands of all others they droop and languish. True it is that the flowers seem to delight to show themselves to some, while to others even the boldest become, as it were, invisible. What other or better explanation is there for this fact than that the difference lies, not in the flower nor in the eye of the on looker, but in his heart, and that to the receptive heart nature reveals her manifold beauties, which, to an unresponsive one, would be utterly hidden.

A tree trunk separates into branches as it ascends. When people get up in the world they spread themselves.

RECONCILIATION.

BY HENRY S. BAKER, '69.

Must I, on earth, upon your gentle face
No more behold the thoughtful, trustful look,
With which you welcome me to hold converse?
Must land and sea divide us until death
Shall break the barriers, which now make sad?
Will you find hearts as true, or I as pure?
Will you clasp hands, in which you place your own

With confidence more full, complete than now,
In mine? To whom shall I my inner life
Reveal, so clear, as oft, unsought, to you?
Will either ever give us such trust again?
Will either ever fly to other friends
When days are dark, as now unto each other?
May he who knows His own preserve us both,
When we shall tread life's thorny path, apart.

PET DOGS REMEMBERED.

BY M. CLARK IN HIS 92D YEAR, FEBRUARY, 1894.

Wake, sleeping Muse, wing low your flight,
Humble the theme whereof I write.

The mastiff bold, long honored name,
In hist'ry not unknown to fame.
Our childhood's mate, attendant page
And comrade in our later age,
Of manhood oft our more than peer
In sight and scent and list'ning ear.

In daring deeds midst Alpine snow
Or where wild waves of terror flow—
A rescue brave where strong men fail
And human efforts naught avail—
Watching intent when death betide
And claims his master at his side,
Where whitened bones have left a trace
As witness of no burial place—
Such service done and justly told,
Should records have in lines of gold.

Yet dogs like men without pretense
Assert their right of self-defence,
(Unlike the Corbett Mitchell fight
With fisticuffs), they growl and bite.

Some thoughts on adamant are writ—
Though lightly graved, remembered yet;
The flow of Lethe hath not effaced
The etchings early thereon traced.

Major and Jack strong favorites were,
Close household pets—and everywhere
Wagging their welcome, and at play
Like other dogs enjoyed their day.

One morning on a summer day
Old Major's form was laid away.

Charley and Ed sepulture made
And formed his tomb with hoe and spade.

And memory oft in looking back
Beholds his robe curl'd fluffy black.
In the garden for years was seen
Beneath an elm a mound of green.

Another morn and summer day
Jack silent slowly stole his way
Afield, apparent conscious fears
Increasing with increasing years;
Service and age had crowned his brow,
Was blind and deaf (as I am now).
A moan was heard from sudden pain,
A leaden slug had pierced his brain.
A grief more oft than joy we find
A lingering inmate of the mind.

Sometimes, perchance, the trend of thought
Of higher casts and better fraught.
Beguiles an hour. Cares onward move.
Remembered then are friends we love,
Remembered, too, with changes rife
The issues of a busy life.
"Successes some, reverses more,"
And checkered scenes of days of yore.

Other mem'ries hath lodgment found
In soil of waste uncultured ground.
The plants grown there have feeble birth,
Exotics like, of little worth,
With flowers blent that deck life's way
And trodden low soon pass away.

Past ninety-one. The easy chair
My place of rest, review and prayer.

Sometimes awake, and when alone,
I see that grave, and hear that moan,
And midst our tears and frequent shed
Are tears for thee, old mastiff, dead.

MERRITT CLARK, '23.

Our readers will be pleased to look upon the photograph of one of our oldest living graduates, also to read one of his poems recently written. Mr. Clark has had a very busy and prominent life, and never engaged in literary work until he had retired from busi ness life, taking it up as amusement and recreation. He has been a merchant and banker, for many years railroad president, five years representative, four years senator, once nominated by Democratic party for member of Congress, twice for governor, was member of the last constitutional convention of Vermont, many years postmaster, and pension agent under President Polk, delegate to national Democratic convention, member State board of education and more than fifty years trustee of Rutland County Grammar school. None of Mr. Clark's classmates are living unless it be Rev. Louis McDonald, the poet. We clip the following from the New York *Independent:*

Two remarkably vigorous nonagenarians reside at Poultney, Vt. Both are natives of that section, and in their advanced years are near neighbors in the same village. The Rev. Dr. Newton Sprague was 93 years old on April 1. During 1893 he occupied the pulpit three times. He has held Presbyterian pastorates in this city, Brooklyn, Hartford and Detroit. The Hon. Merritt Clark is 92 years old. After a public life of more than sixty years he has retired. He is vigorous in mind and body, and engages in literary work at his advanced age. He was long a railway president, and was at one time associated with Jay Gould. Both these venerable gentlemen were associates at Middlebury College, Dr. Sprague graduating in 1822 and Mr. Clark in 1823.

REV. E. J. KLOCK, '88.

Students and alumni will be glad to become more familiar with one of our more recent alumni. We give herewith an abstract of his life as taken from the Niagara Falls *Gazette:*

In the evening another large audience greeted the new pastor. Mr. Klock has a pleasing presence in the pulpit, his pronunciation is very clear and distinct, and his manner quite interesting, facts which aid him greatly in making the opening of his pastorate most auspicious.

Mr. Klock is a descendant of an old family whose true genealogy can be traced back to the 12th century. His ancestors were an old German family named von Klock, a titled family in Germany, the chief of which is now a resident in Freiburg, Baden, Germany. The American branch to which Mr. Klock belongs came to this country in 1716 and settled in Oppenheim, near St. Johnsville, N. Y. Col. Jacob Klock, one of the descendants of this family, was in the Rev-

olutionary war. The old Klock fort near St. Johnsville was named after his family. His mother's family took a leading part in the settlement of the Mohawk valley.

E. J. Klock was born in Fultonville, N. J., March 28, 1862. In June, 1884, Mr. Klock graduated in the four years' classical course from Cazenovia, N. Y., seminary. In June, 1888, he graduated with the degree of B. S. from Middlebury (Vt.) college, which is one of the oldest and most thorough institutions of higher education in New England. It was while in this institution that Mr. Klock at the end of his Sophomore year took the first prize in oratory against 12 competitors. About this time Mr. Klock was appointed junior librarian and at the close of the year following he was made senior librarian. During his junior year he preached at Shoreham, Vt., and at Bridport, Vt., during his senior year, where he made 28 converts. Leaving Middlebury Mr. Klock went to Andover Theological Seminary. On June 15, 1889, he was ordained to the Congregational ministry at Pawlet, Vt. Then Mr. Klock devoted his energies to study and preaching, and on January 13, 1891, married Miss Minnie L. Stafford of Wallingford, Vt. In September, 1891, he accepted a call to the Congregational church in Haydenville, Mass., where his pastorate was most successful, 22 having been added to the church membership and over $2000 spent in repairs upon the church. It was while laboring in Haydenville that he received the call to Niagara Falls. His parting with his Haydenville congregation was filled with regret, for while with them he was an earnest worker for their welfare.

Alumni.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'20. It becomes our duty to record the death of our heretofore oldest living graduate, Rev. Samuel Andrews Bumstead, whose last pastorate was with the First Reformed church of Raritan, Ill., and this place has been his home since his retirement from ministerial service. He was born in Boston in 1799. A thorough course of elementary and classical studies preceded his entry to Middlebury college, from which he graduated with honors in 1820. For a short time he was engaged in educating young men for college and the ministry. He soon graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1831 he settled with the church at Manayunk, Pa., and from here he went to Illinois, where the remainder of his devoted and useful life was spent. He was for several years contributor to the New York *Christian Intelligencer*. His long pastorates evidence his ability and character, and his large number of warm friends his personal worth.

'21. A letter has recently been received from our oldest living graduate, Rev. J. B. Kidder of Huntingdon, Pa. His health was somewhat impaired during the winter by la grippe, but with the return of spring it is much improved. Though in his 90th year, he manifests a lively interest in the welfare of his Alma Mater, and rejoices in her welfare.

'35. Rev. Samuel R. Thrall died at the home of his daughter, Rev. Mrs. E. W. Jenney, in Boscobel, Wis., at the age of eighty-three. Rev. Mr. Thrall was born at Rutland, Vt., in 1811, where he prepared for college, and entered Middlebury in the class of 1835. He prepared for the ministry at the Andover Theological Seminary and for some fifteen years conducted various charges in Vermont. He married Miss Miriam Hunt Bowman in 1842 at Perkinsville, Vt., and in 1853 removed to Illinois. After sixteen years of ministerial work in Illinois he acted as agent for the American Bible Society eleven years. For the past seven years he has resided with his daughter, Rev. Mrs. Jenney of Boscobel, Wis.

'38. Dr. Henry Kingsley died on Wednesday, afternoon, March 28, at his home in Middlebury, aged 84 years. He had been feeble for some time and gradually sank away without having any specific disease. Dr. Kingsley was born in Clarendon. He graduated from Middlebury college in the class of 1838, studied theology at Andover and preached for several years. In 1846 he settled in Brandon and carried on a book and stationery store for ten years. From 1856 to 1876 he was a dentist in Middlebury, his son, Dr. W. H. Kingsley succeeding to the business.

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps, who has been dangerously ill at New Haven, Conn., is better. He expected to resume his lectures in the Yale Law school and to the Senior class in the academic department after the Easter vacation.

'44. O. Wooster was in town recently and called on his son at college.

'45. J. H. Barrett of Loveland, O., will have an interesting article on "College Reminiscences" in one of the succeeding numbers of the UNDERGRADUATE.

'47. Prof. John W. Hunt, who was formerly edu-

cationally distinguished in Massachusetts, is now proprietor and principal of an English and Classical Institute at Washington, D. C.

'53. Rev. W. N. Bacon is school superintendent of Bridport.

'53. Prof. John A. Howe is prominently connected with the Albany (N. Y.) schools.

'57. Edmund G. Hunt, who formerly led a very active and prominent life in western and southern States, is now residing in Brooksville.

'61. Rev. C. N. Thomas of New Haven has been asked to deliver a memorial sermon before W. C. Dunton Grand Army post of Bristol on Sunday, May 27.

'62. Rev. Richard Sill Holmes resides at "Shady Side Manse," Pittsburgh, Pa., and is pastor of a church in that city.

'62. E. A. Hasseltine of Bristol is mentioned as a favorable candidate for State senator.

'62. Col. Aldace F. Walker of Chicago had an article in the April *Forum* on the topic, "Has the Interstate Commerce Law Been Beneficial?"

'64. President Brainerd went down to New York, April 10, to attend the annual meeting of the Emma Willard association, before which he made an address.

'64. Dr. Lewis H. Hemenway is one of our representatives in the medical profession and treasurer of Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester.

'68. Prof. Edwin H. Higley, formerly professor of Greek and Latin at Middlebury, has a similar position at Groton, Mass.

'69. Edward W. Howe is assistant engineer for the city and park construction of Boston.

'69. Charles F. Stone of Laconia, N. H., who was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress last fall in the canvass which resulted in the election of ex-Senator Henry W. Blair to the House, is slated for nomination as naval officer at Boston, a place worth $5000 a year. Mr. Stone went from Castleton, graduated from Middlebury college in the class of '69, was the first principal of Middlebury Graded school and has practiced law with success in Laconia over 20 years. He has held various local offices and sat in the legislature.

'71. Prof. W. E. Howard served as chairman of the committee at the Perry Institute prize speaking contest in Rutland March 21. The ovation which greeted him as he ascended the platform showed his popularity in that county, if not in the State. Prof. Howard recently delivered his lecture, "The Ideal Man," in West Rutland.

'72. Attorney Charles E. Hale is reaping western success at Logansport, Ind.

'79. Rev. and Mrs. John W. Chapman set out recently for Anvik, Alaska, where Mr. Chapman has passed six years in missionary work. They will visit at his brother's in Michigan and will also spend some time in San Francisco, where supplies will be procured. They will leave San Francisco about the middle of May and should reach Anvik early in July. Two ladies, one a physician and the other a teacher, will go with them to assist in the missionary work. Anvik is on the Yukon river, 400 or 500 miles from its mouth.

'81. The statement in a previous issue that H. B. Boice, M. D, is an instructor in physical education at Rutgers proves to be incorrect. Instead of Rutgers college, he is located at the State Normal school at Trenton, N. J.

'81. Rev. James L. Barton, temporarily residing at Newton, Mass., has been appointed president of Euphrates College, situated at Harpoot, Turkey in Asia, to succeed Rev. C. H. Wheeler, D. D., resigned. This institution is the only one of its kind in a region three times the size of New England. There are five Americans and 26 native Christians upon its board of instruction, and these are inadequate to meet the increasing work. There are nearly 600 students in attendance in all departments. Mr. Barton expects to enter upon his duties there in the spring.

'82. J. D. Hutchinson, who has had a successful experience as engineer in the middle and western States, may be addressed at East Berlin, Conn.

'83. C. M. Severance of Japan will have an article on a "Bicycle Manufactory in Kyoto" in an early number of the UNDERGRADUATE.

'85. Rev. James A. Jones has been pastor of the Congregational church at Norridgewock, Me., for the past eight years.

'86. Rev. Marvin Hill Dana has recently been in Middlebury and New Haven visiting friends.

'87. E. Dewey Howe, LL. B., enjoys a lucrative practice at Valatie, N. Y.

'87. Rev. John M. Hull is pastor of a church in Weston, Mass.

'88. Attorney E. E. Howe, who formerly served in connection with our State legislature, is located at 57 State St., Albany, N. Y.

'89. W. F. Alden, who after his graduation from this college went to Washington and studied law while he worked in a government office, has been appointed a special pension examiner and is stationed at Springfield, Mass.

'90. Dr. Leon E. White is now permanently settled in practice at 3094 Washington street, Boston, Mass. He makes a specialty of the nose and throat and is assistant in that department at the Boston Dispensary.

'91. We clip the following from the February issue of *Ithaca's Young Men*, published by the Y. M. C. A. of that city:

In the supplement of this issue will be found the names of the members of the board of directors. Among them will be found the name of F. D. Boynton, who was elected a member of the board at the annual meeting of the association in January. Professor Boynton is the principal of our High school. The association is to be congratulated upon having secured upon its board of directors such a man as Professor Boynton is known to be by all who are in any way associated with him. Mr. Boynton is chairman of the educational committee for the association.

'91. T. H. Noonan will be in Middlebury at commencement.

'93. Frank B. Seeley preached at the Congregational church Easter Sunday evening.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

The exhibition of the junior class at the town hall drew out a large audience. President Brainerd announced the speakers. The Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington provided fine music. Following is the

PROGRAMME.

Music.

Oration, Crises in History.
Eben J. Fullam, Ludlow

Oration, The Discipline of Education.
Charles L. Ross, Poultney.

Essay, Music and Morals.
M. Lillian Heath, Rutland.

Oration, Over-Refinement.
John Barlow, Peru, Mass.

Essay, This One Thing I Do.
Eleanor S. Ross, Rutland.

Oration, The Western Man.
Walter S. Grant, Cuyahoga Falls, O.

Music.

Oration, A Blessing in Disguise.
George S. Wright, Weybridge.

Essay, The Effect of Satire.
Cora M. Rogers, Chester.

Oration, The Historic Border.
Lockwood M. Seely, Middlebury.

Essay, The Effect of Poetry on the Cammonplace.
Kate E. Palmer, Weybridge.

Oration, The Evils of Competition.
George C. Douglass, Norwood, N. Y.

Oration, The Poet as Philosopher.
Charles L. Leonard, Bridport.

Music.

The 12 speakers were selected from the class of 24 because of the excellence of their essays and orations, the choice being made by a committee consisting of Rev. A. W. Dickens, Dr. Edward Parker and W. H. Bliss, Esq. The speakers all appeared well and had excellent productions. The names of all the members of the class follow; those whose names are preceded by stars would have received honor appointments had the selection of speakers been made upon that basis: *Charles A. Adams, *John Barlow, Earl L. Cushman, Geo. C. Douglass, W. H. Eldridge, E. J. Fullam, W. S. Grant, C. L. Leonard, B. E. Marshall, C. L. Ross, G. D. Scott, L. M. Seely, *H. A. Vicker, R. O. Wooster, G. S. Wright, Bertha Brainerd, *Ida M. Breckenridge, *M Lillian Heath, Mary E. Merriam, Kate E. Palmer, Cora M. Rogers, *Eleanor S. Ross, Harriet H. Steele, *Blanche A. Verder.

After the exhibition came the dance, which was attended by about 40 people.

SUNDAY MORNING LECTURES.

Prof. Wright delivered his third lecture of this term in the college chapel Sunday morning. There will be seven more lectures in the course. They are given at 9:30 o'clock, and thus far a much larger number of the students have attended than was anticipated. But to the few who are not attending regularly we would say this course of lectures ought to appeal to every man who is seeking a broader education. They are not only interesting, but give material for deep thought. The general subject of the course is Christianity and the church and its relation or duty to labor, society, etc. These are given voluntarily by the Professor, and the student body can show no better appreciation of the interest shown in them than by reciprocation by prompt and regular attendance. Surely each ought to have interest enough in his own welfare not to let such opportunities pass unimproved. We believe this is a commendable move and hope it may be continued.

Town and Campus.

"Three miles to Larrabee's Point!"

Toleman, '94, returned to college April 6.

Lamson, '96, preached in Weybridge April 15.

Grant, '95, visited friends in Benson April 4–7.

Wooster, '95, recently visited friends in Burlington.

Wales, '96, and Miss Swiney, '96, returned to college April 4.

Miss Sarah Wright, a sister of Mrs. Eaton, has been visiting at Prof. Eaton's.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hitchcock of Benson recently visited at Prof. Wright's.

The corporation has been petitioned to build a grand stand for the ball field.

President Brainerd passed the vacation in Boston, and Prof. Janes in New York.

Bigelow, '94, attended the annual M. E. conference recently held in Cohoes, N. Y.

Mrs. C. B. Wright and daughter have been visiting at her former home in Akron, O.

Miss Ritchie, '94, gave a pleasant birthday party to her friends at Battell Hall April 26.

Some of the students are conducting meetings in Brooksville every Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Wright recently delivered a lecture in Salisbury on Dr. Holmes and his writings.

A second nine has been organized with Lamson, '96, manager, and Wilcox, '96, captain.

Miss Virginia Parker of Minneapolis, Minn., a niece of Mrs. Eldredge, is at Hon. L. D. Eldredge's to pass the summer.

The Rutland *Herald* of April 17 reported Parker Williamson to have been a guest of W. E. Ross of that city. (? ? ?)

The sophomores in German have finished "Das Spielmanskind" and will read "Wielhelm Tell" for the rest of the year.

A ball game was played between the sophomores and the High school April 13. The High school won by a score of 15 to 8.

The college has bought another place on the east side of the campus, leaving only one now which does not belong to the college.

Wilcox, '96, attended the conference of presidents of the Y. M. C. A. for New England and New York, which was held at Amherst April 12–15.

Col. H. E. Taylor and wife of West Cornwall entertained 13 members of the D. U. fraternity with ladies on the evening of April 18. A very pleasant time was passed.

Leonard, '95, ranked the highest in examination recently taken at the annual conference of the Methodist clergymen held in Cohoes, N. Y. His papers were marked 99 per cent.

Sawyer, '94, who officiates as organist at St. Stephen's and at St. Barnabas', East Middlebury, was presented, the other day, with the proceeds of a successful calico ball held at the Glen House.

Adams, '95, captain of the ball team, has selected the following persons to practice for the team: Wells, '94, Sargent, '94, Grant, '95, Ross, '95, Foster, '96, Riggs, '96, Prentiss, '96, Kimball, '97, Parkhurst,' 97, and Cadwell, '97.

Professors Eaton and Janes attended the presentation of the Latin play, "Phormio," by students of Harvard at Cambridge, Mass., on the evening of April 19; and also attended the annual meeting of college representatives at Boston.

A mock trial was held at Battell Hall April 21. Barlow, '95, acted as judge and the lawyers were, for the plaintiff, Dorsey, '95, and Wooster, '95; for the defendant, Lamson, '96, and Wilcox, '96. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Barton, '96, gave a party to the boarders at her home and a few invited guests on the evening of April 20. Various cob-webs were entangled. Miss Palmer and Mr. Roscoe received prize for best wound ball and Miss King and Mr. Bridgham the booby prize.

At a meeting of the UNDERGRADUATE association held at the end of the last term the following officers were elected: President, Vicker, '95; vice-president, Ross, '95; secretary, Russell, '96; business manager, Lamson, '95; assistant business managers, Bridgham, '97, and Brown, '97.

At a meeting of the young ladies held in the chapel April 28 a Young Women's Christian Association was organized. The officers elected were: President, Blanche A. Verder, '95; vice-president, Bertha E. Ranslow, '94; recording secretary, M. Lillian Heath, '95; corresponding secretary, Harriet D. Gerould, '97; treasurer, Mary O. Pollard, '96. The meetings will be held weekly.

The topics and leaders of the Y. M. C. A. association for May are as follows:

May 1. The Eleven Commandments—Ex. xx; John xv: 12. Leader, Mr. Fullam.

May 8. Delight in God's Law—Ps. cxix: 9–16. Leader, Mr. Roscoe.

May 15. Rely Not on Yourselves—Matt. x: 16-26.
Leader, Mr. Wales.
May 22. Safety in Righteousness—Prov. xi: 10–21.
Leader, Mr. Wilcox.
May 29—Christ's Command to be Ready—Mark xiii: 33–37. Leader, Mr. Toleman.

College Notes.

Yale will not play with professional base-ball teams this year.

Civil Service Reform clubs have been organized at Harvard and Cornell.

Brown has already forty-two games of base ball scheduled for this season.

At the recent Oxford-Cambridge games, the mile run was negotated in 4.19 4-5.

The Dartmouth students have pledged $1,000 in support of this year's ball team.

The following yell has been adopted by the co-eds of the University of Tennessee:

"Yes," answered the boy. as he rubbed a part of his anatomy, "but it's all in the family."

"Willie," said papa, "you have wasted a charge of buckshot by carelessly handling that gun."

The University of Michigan is the first to enroll Chinese women among her students.—[*Ex.*

The gifts of Henry W. Sage to Cornell have alone amounted to considerably over a million dollars.

The University of the City of New York has rejected the proposal of Columbia for consolidation.

The balance in the treasury of the Yale Foot-Ball Association is about twenty-eight thousand dollars.

At the last meeting of the Dartmouth faculty it was voted to make all the studies of the Senior year elective.

The greatest college class in the world, or that ever was, is the Chatauqua class of 1896. It has 10,000 members.

Prince Besolow, the young African prince who is in the Freshman class at Williams, has been called back to Africa to take charge of his kingdom.

Rah! Rah! Ree!
Come kiss me!
I'm a co-ed!
U. of T.!

"I've just read in a paper, in a good, round rhyme,
That procrastination is the thief of time.
If the man who wrote it should call some day,
He'd find co-education steals our time away."—[*Ex.*

There are many college editors who have a "fellow-feeling" ot sympathy for the writer of the following: "The proof reading of last week's Campus is a fine illustration of 'delegated functions.' The editor-in-chief, being away, delegated the task to one of his assistants; that assistant turned it over to another, that other to the printer, and, judging from the appearance of the proof, the printer turned the whole thing over to the 'devil.'"

It is a curious fact that the present Junior class in nearly all the colleges is not well considered. The *Nassau Lit.* complains bitterly of the lack of literary talent in the Junior class at Princeton, and hints at dark days for the *Lit.* in the coming months. The *Southern Collegian*, the *Dartmouth*, and the *Williams Lit.* sing the same song; and finally the *Harvard Monthly* sharply censures the Harvard Juniors for their quarrel with the course English C, and intimates rather broadly that the fault is theirs rather than the instructors'. We earnestly hope that the evil is not so real as has appeared,—in our own college, as well as in others.—*Tuftonian.*

"Shall I brain him?" cried the hazer,
And the victim's courage fled,
"You can't: it is a Freshman,
Just hit it on the head."

—*University Courier.*

"What makes your lips so awful sore?"
Asked Sarah's cross-eyed pap;
And Sarah to the old man said,
"It's caused by a small chap."

Then Sarah's youngest brother—
As yet unknown to fame—
Looked Sarah in the eye and asked:
"What is the small chap's name?"

There was a man in our town,
And he was wonderous wise;
He wrote a crib upon his cuff
Of much diminished size.
But when he felt a little bored,
And yawned with arms extended,
This wise man gave himself away,
And straightway was suspended.

Exchanges.

The *T. C. A. Chronicle* in its last issue gives a forcible editorial on the adage, "He who aims at nothing hits it."

College journals, says the Coup D'Etat, have become one of the prime representative features of a college. The subject matter depends upon the dili gent, careful effort of the best talent in the college community.—[*Colby Echo.*

In giving a description of the Long Sault Rapids in the St. Lawrence river the *Phœnix* says:

"But now the river's sprav glistens in the golden sunset, and as we leave the fair island, the mounds of the redmen, the grand oak forests and the rolling river, we feel in our souls a keen appreciation of earth's beauty and grandeur, God's kindness and providence. We realize more fully the marvelous story written on the pages of nature's great volume."

How many great men and thinkers have been persecuted in the name of religion. Bruno was burnt at Rome because of his exposure of the fashionable but false philosophy of the time. When the judges of the Inquisition condemned him to die Bruno proudly said, "You are more afraid to pronounce my sentence than I am to receive it." The above we clip from an article in the *V. A. Voice* on "True Courage."

The *V. A. Life* in a recent number contained a commendable article on the "Dignity of Manual Labor"; it closes thus:

"Hard work is the bulwark of safety to any young man. Without it he is a weakling. With it and in love with it he becomes a man of sturdy self-reliance, capable of driving opposing circumstances to the wall and ruling in his own house."

"He that grapples and wrestles courageously with the hard problems that beset him, he who, taking 'plod' for his staff and 'pluck' for his watchword, toils on up the ascent, finds in the struggle his greatest blessing and one capable of heightening his capacity for the true enjoyment of all men and things about him."

The *Institute Journal* has a comprehensive article on "Cranks." Among other things it says:

"The hooting mob of yesterday, with hurrying feet, return
To garner up the scattered ashes in history's golden urn."

"'Father,' once said a child, 'what is a crank?' 'A crank, my son,' he answered, 'a crank is a person who does not believe as you do.' . . . . . Our Pilgrim Fathers were cranks, and, as such, were driven from their homes; yet we, in New England, owe our free institutions, our schools and our churches, to that same band of 'cranks' who 'moored their bark by the wild New England shore' on that bleak December day, nearly three centuries ago.

"Ethan Allen and his band of gallant Green Mountain boys were cranks, and for it suffered outlawry and death; yet to this band of cranks Vermont owes her very existence, and the stalwart spirits that have made her name famous throughout the civilized world."

If we mistake not, many college editors can sympathize with the editorial board of the *Folio* in its complaint in their last issue. The following we believe applicable to many of our colleges:

"What the future of the *Folio* will be depends on the students, as it has depended on them in the past. Editors can meet, elect and plan, but they cannot furnish a magazine without co-operation. A college paper is, to the outsider, an index of the college work. The college work is the students', and they realize it; the college paper is theirs, and they do not realize it, The *Folio* is not the property of the editor-in-chief, it is not the property of the board of editors, but it *is* the property of the students. Comment within the walls may fall on the editors; outside comment, be it praise or blame, must and does fall on all members of the college. The paper may seem a small thing, but it is what the students as a body make it. If they have strength or literary ability, let them use it for the college of which they are a part. They must not, they cannot be indifferent."

BOOKS IN PROPER SETTINGS.

That there is a place for each individual thing is as true in the matter of books as in any other subject. That there are even times when moments used with books are misspent is true, for, as Emerson says, "When the scholar can read God directly, the hour is too precious to be wasted on other men's transcripts of their reading." At such times, when we should "come forth into the light of things, have nature for our teacher," we find printed books inadequate for the needs of the mind and the soul, and there is a feeling of lack which may be supplied only from the "books in the running brooks" and the "sermons in stones."

But granting that the time is one which may profitably be spent with books, we choose the best possible setting, as the artist chooses for his picture the most advantageous light. We get no good by being ungenerous, even to a book, and we ourselves are the losers if we try to take a book from its natural setting and adapt it to uncongenial surroundings.

Let an example be taken: Does Whittier's "Snow-

bound" read on a sultry July day with the thermometer registering 90° in the shade bring its scenes as vividly to our minds as it does read aloud before a glowing grate at midwinter, while the wind, whistling around the corners, heaps the window frames high with snow?

This is only an extreme example. Thousands of others equally true might be chosen. On a still starlit night repeat softly in the open air the nineteenth Psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork; day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." Or go alone to the woods and read Bryant's grand Forest Hymn, beginning "The groves were God's first temples," and you can never forget the feeling of reverence inspired by either.

It seems as if all books received an added charm by being read surrounded by the glories of nature. The shade of a tree, a slight cooling breeze just stirring its branches, the blue mountains, the rippling of a brook—this is the place for such poems as those of Bryant, Emerson and Wordsworth, and for Thoreau and for Irving's stories.

A lonely, dreary evening, with branches tapping raven like at the windows, is the fit time for Poe. The jovial mood and pleasant companions to share the laugh is the time for Holmes and Lowell in their humorous works. Books of history and biographies of the worlds workers are best realized in the hurry and rush of the life current, in the stir of the active world. For the workers themselves, tried and discouraged, are the writings of those men who held exalted ideas of the nobleness and grandeur of work, such men as Emerson and Carlyle and Ruskin. For every mood there is some book, and for every book there is some most appropriate spot where it will fit into the proper niche, and where you may get the most pleasure from its reading.

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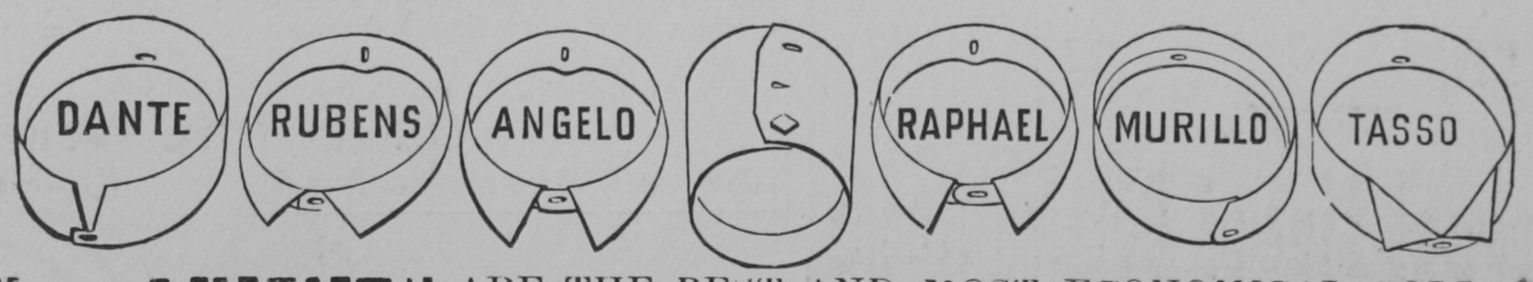

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